

On motion of Mr. Curtis, the reading of the Journal of yesterday is dispensed with and the same approved.

Leave of absence is granted as follows:

Mr. Owen indefinitely.

Mr. Curtis until Saturday.

Mr. Long until Tuesday.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Petitions and memorials are presented, read by their titles and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Mason, a petition of numerous citizens of Gaston county, praying for the enactment of a law making ten hours a day's work, and to prohibit children under twelve years, who cannot read and write, from working in mills during school term.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a petition from the citizens of Gaston county, asking that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be not prohibited within three miles of Union Presbyterian Church, Tanyard School-house and Mountain School-house.

And a petition from citizens of Gaston county, asking that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be prohibited within three miles of Union Presbyterian Church, Tanyard School-house and Mountain School-house.

Which are referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Wilson, a petition of certain citizens for and against incorporating Shady Grove Church in Pelham Township, Caswell county.

Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Carson, a petition of certain citizens of Alexander county, asking that the name of B. F. Childress of said county be placed on the pension roll as a first-class pensioner.